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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
FRYDENLUND

1. IN HIS SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK, FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND RAISED WHAT HE TERMED THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE IEP. HE STRESSED THAT NORWAY HAD TAKEN PART IN THE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE PERSONALLY STRONGLY ADVOCATES NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL FOR NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP, BUT MUST IN ALL FRANKNESS ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DO SO.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO THE EARLIER DEBATE IN NORWAY ON NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. THIS ISSUE, WHICH HE COMPARED TO THE VIETNAM DEBATE IN THE US, WAS VERY HEATED AND SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE GENERAL POLITICAL MOOD. THUS, THE DEBATE ON IEP MEMBERSHIP WILL PROBABLY REFLECT THE SAME FEARS OF

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THE ANTI-EC FACTION THAT OTHER NATIONS ARE TRYING TO

GET THEIR HANDS ON NORWEGIAN OIL. HE SAID HE WAS SEEK-  
ING THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE USG IN THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES AND HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT FALL BACK  
POSITION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG IN THE EVENT  
NORWAY IS UNABLE TO JOIN THE IEP. IN THIS CONNECTION  
HE SAID THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CON-  
SIDERING A DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY AS AN ALTERNATIVE  
TO MEMBERSHIP.

3. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THERE ARE TWO ESSENTIAL  
REASONS FOR THE CREATION OF THE IEP. THE FIRST IS  
SUBSTANTIVE AND WE KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON NORWAY FROM THIS  
STANDPOINT. THE SECOND INVOLVES A DEMONSTRATION OF  
SOLIDARITY, WHICH IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. NEVER IN  
HISTORY HAS THERE BEEN SUCH A SEVERE ASSAULT ON OUR  
ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT  
COUNTER-REACTION. THEREFORE, WE LOOK TO ALL OF OUR  
FRIENDS TO ADHERE TO THE PROGRAM, AND WHILE  
NORWAY'S ADHESION MAY NOT BE DECISIVE, IT IS NEVERTHE-  
LESS VERY IMPORTANT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE USG  
DOES NOT CONSIDER A FALL BACK POSITION FEASIBLE AT THIS  
TIME. BECAUSE IF WE WERE TO AGREE TO AN EXCEPTION FOR  
ONE COUNTRY, WE WOULD HAVE TO GO ON MAKING EXCEPTIONS  
AND SIMPLY END UP WHERE WE STARTED.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED THAT IN TRYING TO  
BULLDOZE THROUGH NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE IEP THE  
NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT COULD PROVOKE A DOMESTIC DEBATE  
ON NORWAY'S GENERAL PRO-WESTERN POSITION. ALSO, HE  
POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING ITS UNSUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY  
OF EC MEMBERSHIP, THE LABOR PARTY'S POPULARITY IN  
PUBLIC OPINION POLLS FELL FROM 50 PERCENT TO 32  
PERCENT. HE ANTICIPATED THAT A POLARIZATION OF  
OPINION ON IEP MEMBERSHIP COULD HAVE SIMILAR NEGATIVE  
RESULTS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HIS GOVERNMENT  
MUST DECIDE ITS COURSE OF ACTION SOON AND MAKE  
KNOWN ITS POSITION TO PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE 29TH OF  
OCTOBER. HE SAID IF THE USG WOULD AGREE TO A FALL-  
BACK POSITION FOR NORWAY HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO  
MAKE THIS KNOWN TO DAVIGNON.

5. THE SECRETARY REITERATED THAT THE USG COULD NOT  
AGREE IN ADVANCE TO A FALLBACK POSIGION FOR NORWAY.

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HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT  
WOULD TRY TO ACHIEVE FULL MEMBERSHIP, AS THE US  
GOVERNMENT CANNOT AT THIS TIME SUPPORT ANY ALTERNA-  
TIME. IF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TRIES  
AND FAILS. THEN NATURALLY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD  
HAVE TO CONSULT IN THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THEN TURNED TO THE GREEK  
GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO. HE SAID HE INTENDED

TO SPEAK TO THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER WHILE IN NEW YORK TO URGE GREECE TO RESUME FULL MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. THE SECRETARY REFERRED TO HIS OWN MEETING WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER THAT MORNING IN WHICH MAVROS ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT BUT ALSO FOR OUR TOLERATION OF ANTI-AMERICAN CRITICISMS IN GREECE DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE REGARD THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN AS RISKY, AND WILL BE DISTURBED IF IT SHOULD CONTINUE BEYOND THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS GENERALLY HOPEFUL ABOUT GREECE IN THE LONG TERM AND ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO PERSUADE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT MORE POSITIVE POSITIONS TOWARD NATO AND A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. KISSINGER

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